

OVERVIEW OF OFFICE OF BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS

GOVERNOR'S BROADBAND TASK FORCE - JUNE 15TH

FUNDING SOURCES AND USES:

1. General funding base for OBD Operations and Administration (\$250,000)
 - 2 FTE staff
 - Office space, utilities, computers, advertising, printing, supplies
 - Task force expenses – meals and travel
 - Outreach – outstate meetings, conferences
 - Staff research and development – participation in two national meetings annually
2. Department of Commerce supplies 1 FTE as analyst and general support to the program
3. Up to 3% of grant appropriation available for grant administration, mapping, data acquisition, and analysis
 - Amount varies depending upon annual appropriation
 - 2 FTE staff to run and manage grant program for grant period plus two years close-out activities for each grant round.
 - Grant program outreach and technical assistance activities (conference participation, regional and local meetings, production of planning materials)
 - 2 site visits for each grant, one during grant period and one close-out audit
 - Broadband mapping and data program

(These funds are not available to support general operations, adoption and use, or other broadband activities not associated with grant; and unencumbered funds not used for administrative purposes are made available as grants in future funding rounds)

OFFICE ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

BROADBAND ACCESS

B2B Grant administration – Jane Leonard – Program Manager, David Thao – Back office administration

Community Anchor Institutions – K-12 – Diane Wells - Project Coordinator, Ryan Yetzer – data & analysis

Deployment Facilitation (Permitting/ROW, Dig Once, etc) - TBD

MEASURING BROADBAND

Mapping Program – Diane Wells – Program Manager, Ryan Yetzer – Data and analysis

Adoption and Use Survey – TBD

ADOPTION AND USE

TBD

BROADBAND TASK FORCE

Administrative and Logistical Support – (Meetings, Reports, Communications, etc.) Diane Wells – Lead

RESOURCE CENTER/INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE

Coordination of OBD Information Resources – Diane Wells – Lead

OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Coordination of outreach and engagement – Danna MacKenzie – Lead

POLICY

State policy development and consultation – Danna MacKenzie – Lead

Federal policy analysis – Diane Wells - Lead

PLANNING

State broadband planning – Danna MacKenzie – Lead

Local planning advancement and support – Ryan Yetzer - Lead

Thoughts on summary remarks:

- OBD is adequately staffed for the general administration of the office
- The office is under-resourced for effective program operations in the following areas that have :
 - Advancing permitting streamlining, ROW management strategies, and other dig once principles within state and local governments (1/2 FTE estimate).
 - Increase adoption and use in rural areas, within low-income populations, and other areas where there are low access rates. (1 FTE plus program funding)
 - Coordinate security, vulnerability, and redundancy collaborative effort (1/4 FTE)